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LOCAL.

Dallas Dixon was in town Saturday.

H Kent went to Whitwell Saturday.

Robert Foster, of Lovers' Leap, was in town Monday.

Mr. C. E. Cunningham visited Chattanooga Monday.

Prof. H. E. Tate starts for California next Saturday.

James Campbell was in town from the mountain Thursday.

W. S. Pryor spent Monday in Jasper visiting Pryor Institute.

W. C. Hill made a business trip to Victoria Saturday afternoon.

Col. S. H. Melcher and Miss Anna Melcher arrived here Thursday.

Jas. Coldwell, postmaster at Arena came in on his weekly trip Monday.

The News and the Tri-State Farmer only sixty cents a year, cash in advance.

The South Pittsburg Statesman has again changed its size. It is now 7-col. folio.

J. B. Womack and several other Victoria people were present at the box supper.

Blank Deed, Mortgage Deeds and Chattel Mortgage Deeds for sale, at the News office.

Dallas Dixon was in town Monday and gives us good hope of a wild turkey in the near future.

Rev. Jacob Houts conducted service Sunday morning, his regular appointment, to a fair congregation.

Major Hill, Jackson Lee and Nicholas Fulfur attended the funeral of W. T. Mosgrove at Whitwell, Thursday.

We hear that Jacob Burrows is opening a coal vein on the east side of the head of Pryor Cove and finds 2½ feet of good coal.

Lieut. J. R. Ables has been appointed by the Department Commander to command Camp 7, Sons of Veterans, U. S. A.

Remember the subscription price of the News and Tri-State Farmer aggregate 75 cents but we offer them for 60 cents. Cash in advance.

Rev. S. S. Catron reports a very pleasant time at Sequachee last Sunday, and says some nice things about our neighbors.—Jasper Democrat.

Austin Coppinger and son, Hiram, started Tuesday morning with a fine lot of mules to sell further southward. Austin says he is going to keep going until he sells his mules.

We are very glad to welcome Col. S. H. Melcher on his return to Sequachee and hope he will not be in a hurry to leave. The Col. is always a welcome visitor to the News.

How badly the American got fooled on the Jasper Democrat's "Newman Noggs." It gives the name in all seriousness as being an inhabitant of Jasper in its list of "unusual Tennessee Names." Milton Humble also lives in South Pittsburg, and there used to be a law firm there named Bright and Early.

FEARFUL!

Accident at So. Pittsburg.

Causes a Complete Standstill of Business Enterprise.

Tom Thatch and Will Rankin, baggage master and brakeman respectively of the Pikeville accommodation brought in startling news Tuesday evening. The entire business traffic of South Pittsburg came to a standstill that morning. Nothing was done except to devise plans to relieve the awful situation. For two long hours consternation reigned in that prosperous city. So great was the crises that if the accident had happened at night, the electric lights would have gone out through sympathy. The Board of Aldermen were at their wits' end for a solution of the difficulty, and the inhabitants looked on helplessly at the awful wreck. It was a fearful episode in the history of the city, and it will descend in the annals of time as one of the darkest pages of its history.

The cause of all the trouble was this. One of the monster street railway cars belonging to the Deptford Company ran off the track in the heart of the city, hence this weeping and wailing and gnashing of teeth.

A couple of stout niggers put it back on the track when offered 10c and a ride to Deptford and return for the job.

Whitwell.

Trustee S. B. Raulston, of Jasper was in Whitwell Thursday.

Mr. A. W. Crockett has been under the weather for some days.

Capt. Wm. Pryor was present at the funeral of W. T. Mosgrove.

We note many improvements made and in contemplation at Whitwell. The more, the merrier.

We think the people of Whitwell have the best site for a fine cemetery of any place we know of, and they should in our judgement get a Cemetery Corporation or Association, and by charging moderate amounts for lots, could soon fence it in and embellish the grounds so as to be truly beautiful and this idea is worth thinking of.

Our friend Graham, of the Graham House, although not quite recovered from his sickness was on hand with a hearty welcome for us as usual. Mrs. Graham has not quite recovered from a severe sickness but is able to be around, consequently the burden of running the Graham House falls on Miss Gertie, active and volatile as usual.

The People Believe what they read about Hood's Sarsaparilla. They know it is an honest medicine, and that it cures disease. That is why you should get Hood's and only Hood's. Hood's Pills cure all liver ills, relieve constipation and assist digestion. 25c.

The Box Supper.

This much heralded event came off Saturday evening and was an enjoyable affair. We should have been present but the lean condition of our pocket book warned us that we would be of no service to the promoters of the enterprise.

We were curious to know just what a box supper was, now we know what the latest religious fad is.

The plan commends us as being more satisfactory than the proverbial oyster supper with one oyster. The young women prepared boxes, (a shoe box is about the size) and put into it sufficient food for two, and put their names in or on the box, (we think a certificate should be added that they cooked it themselves,) the burnt biscuit is never put in. The boxes are then sold at auction and the one whose name is in or on the box takes supper, eats the contents with the fortunate purchaser. In some cases we are told the rivalry to obtain the company of the lady stirs sharp competition and the man who has the biggest pile wins.

Mr. W. S. Pryor, the auctioneer, after a selection by a quartet, sold the boxes, and the pairing off and consumption of the contents took place. Ice cream being on hand was sold and we hear was much appreciated as being extra nice.

Then the second part of the entertainment was presented. Mr. P. A. Butler sang a humorous song which was encored. Then was introduced a member of Equus Asinus minus his caudal appendage, and the feat to perform was to walk blindfolded to it and attach a temporary tail where it should be affixed, which caused much fun.

Everything passed off pleasantly and quietly. A few persons from adjoining towns were present and a sum of over \$13 was raised, which will meet the first note due on the organ.

But the large receipts testify beyond question to the triumph of matter over mind. When only \$3 can be raised at a dramatic entertainment it shows the quickest way to the ordinary pocket book is through the stomach. Having found out a way so easy we suggest that three more such entertainments be given which ought to clear off the organ debt.

The M. & C.

As it now stands the Southern Railway will take possession of the Memphis & Charleston in 60 days. As the Southern Railway people said that if they gained possession of the road and McKipley was elected, they would build from Stevenson to Chattanooga, it seems to us that they have got all they wanted, and should now make good their promise.

Washington Letter.

From Our Special Correspondent.

Washington, Feb. 5, 1897.—Senator Chandler has puzzled the politicians by the introduction of a resolution declaring it to be the sense of the Senate that the United States should not always acquiesce in the single gold standard, and that the efforts of the Government in all its branches should be directed to secure and maintain the use of silver as well as gold as standard money, with the free coinage of both. Mr. Chandler calls his resolution an other step towards bimetalism and has announced his intention to speak on it, in order to refute arguments made by Senator Vilas, whom he calls a gold monometallist, and Senator Pettigrew, whom he calls a silver monometallist, when these two Senators voted against the international monetary commission bill. There is an impression that Senator Chandler, who, while in no sense a leader of his party, is one of the slickest wire pullers now in politics, has some object in view which he has not mentioned and isn't likely to mention, but nobody seems to know just what it is. Although Mr. Chandler is a republican of the most pronounced type, the bitter personal attack he made on McKinley and Hanna just before the national convention met last year makes it reasonably certain that he will have little or no influence with the coming administration. If it was not for that he might be supposed to be acting for McKinley. He usually acts for Chandler.

It is already evident that the new tariff bill will not increase duties upon everything. For instance, the majority of the Ways and Means committee have informally decided to cut the duty on steel rails nearly in half. The duty on steel rails under the present tariff is about equal to \$784 a ton, but it is not likely to exceed \$4 a ton in the new tariff bill. Improvements in methods and lessening the cost of rails by American manufacturers is given as the reason for this cut.

It may not make the treaty any stronger, but it certainly added something to the sentimental interest of the occasion that the Venezuelan arbitration treaty, which was this week signed by representatives of Venezuela and Great Britain, in the presence of Secretary Olney, at the Department of State, should have been signed with a gold pen owned by Senor Andrade, the Venezuelan Minister which was in a holder made from a quill from the wing of an American eagle and was decorated with a gold heart surrounded by diamonds. Great Britain and Venezuela have been wrangling about that boundary line for nearly 100

years and for some years past there has been no diplomatic intercourse between the two countries. All this is now happily settled by agreement to settle the dispute over the boundary line by arbitration, and the two countries will at once resume diplomatic relations. Secretary Olney is very proud of the part he took—really the leading part—in bringing about this treaty.

Arbitration seems to be in the air these days, even if the Senate is not in any hurry about ratifying that Anglo American arbitration treaty, which has been amended and favorably reported by the committee on Foreign Relations. The latest advocates of arbitration are the Carnegie and Bethlehem Steel Companies, both of which have been charged by the Secretary of the Navy and others with wanting to gouge Uncle Sam in the price charged for armor plates for naval vessels. They have proposed to the Senate Naval committee that the question of what would be a fair price for them to receive for armor shall be submitted to arbitration. Secretary Herbert recommended \$400 a ton as the price to be paid, while Senator Chandler, who was once Secretary of the Navy, thinks \$330 a ton would be ample. The two companies claim that the armor cannot be profitably made for less than \$450 a ton, but say they are willing to abide by the decision of an arbitrator.

A Long Walk.

John Q. Anderson and Jay Manson are entitled to the belt as pedestrians. They were out at Pierre and left there Saturday morning on the regular train expecting to get through. The train reached a point within five miles of Highmore where a snow drift was encountered through which the engine could not pass, and there was nothing to be done but wait the coming of a snow plow from Huron. Both gentlemen were anxious to get through and they decided to cover the distance on foot. At four o'clock Saturday they started for Wolsey, a distance of 55 miles arriving there about midnight Sunday. Mr. Manson said that for the entire distance the railroad track was covered with hard packed snow which made the walking easy.—Mitchell, (S. D.) Capital.

His Wife is Lost.

Chattanooga, Feb. 8.—A man named Carp, of Stevenson, Ala., is scouring this section for his wife, who eloped with a man named Newsom two months ago. Newsom has a wife and child at Victoria, Tenn. The elopement took place when Carp was sick. He does not want his wife, but wants to square accounts with her paramour. Newsom's father is pilot of the steamer Kendrick.—American.